The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in Room 514, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 1 September 2015, to conduct an executive session for legal matters and receive reports from the President and Board committees.

The following members were present: Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr., Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. (telephone); Colonel Tee Hooper (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr. (telephone); Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr.; Chairman Emeritus, Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr. (telephone); member emeritus, Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone); member emeritus, Colonel Douglas A. Snyder (telephone); Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (telephone); and Mr. Alfred R. Kennickell, Jr., President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (telephone). Also in attendance were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Brigadier General Connie L. Book, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Business; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Mrs. Kinard stated the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and on the college website, and local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Sams told the Board a FOIA request had been received from a state legislator pertaining to the President’s compensation. The response had been prepared and Chair Sams would be personally delivering the information on Wednesday.

Chair Sams reviewed the information provided in the letter of instruction that had been distributed regarding the 25 and 26 September 2015 Board meeting. The email detailed the purpose, special topics, and timeline for the meeting.
One of the items of special interest has been assigned to the Operations and Risk Management (ORM) Committee – identifying items within the LEAD Plan 2018 which are in jeopardy of being accomplished. Colonel McCoy, Chair of the ORM Committee, said he would touch base with each committee chair to obtain their input for this report.

President Rosa was called on for remarks.

President Rosa said his trip to California had been postponed due to mechanical problems with the aircraft; the visit will be rescheduled.

He provided the details of the 2015 graduating class of 882 students – the largest in the college’s history. (The class consisted of 490 cadets, 21 veteran cadets, 6 active duty students, 21 veteran students, and 344 Citadel Graduate College students.) He noted that 157 cadets (over 30%) from the Corps had been commissioned.

The Class of 2019 matriculated on 15 August. The class was down slightly on diversity numbers, but all other goals had been met. To date, 45 students had out-processed, with no identifiable trends on reasons for leaving provided.

A one-time bonus of $800, mandated by the state legislature, will be paid to all employees making less than $100,000 per year. The cost of approximately $330,000 will come from the general funds, as the college is responsible for covering 80% of this expense.

Health insurance costs have also increased.

The number of applicants applying for in-state tuition under the G.I. bill had been less than anticipated, as several did not meet all of the appropriate criteria. However, applications are still being reviewed and actual impact has not yet been determined.

The college anticipates that 9% of its overall budget will be funded by the state.

The Corps of Cadets has reported back to campus much more focused, with good attitudes, and very engaged. Both the President and the Commandant had addressed the freshmen, and they are looking forward to a good year.
The college will be doing a complete review of The Citadel Success Institute (CSI) to measure its efficacy in preparing students academically and physically for all aspects of life at The Citadel.

Colonel Goff stated he and BG Book will coordinate with the committee to begin the process of vetting the honorary degree and Palmetto Medal nominations.

Chair Sams called on committee chairs for any significant items to report:

Colonel Price, Vice Chair of the Education and Leadership Development Committee, asked BG Book to update the BOV on the recent Low Country Graduate Center meeting.

BG Book said the Board of Directors of the consortium known as the Low Country Graduate Center, consisting of the College of Charleston, Medical University of South Carolina and The Citadel, had met and discussed several problem areas. There is a sense that the program is not working well. She will provide a full report at the September BOV meeting.

Colonel Love mentioned her trip to Scotland to attend the Tattoo and praised the Regimental Band and Pipes for the outstanding way they represented The Citadel in an international forum.

Chair Sams highlighted a few items from the proposed BOV agenda for the September meetings.

Colonel Goff reminded Board members that today is the last day for submittal of honorary degree and Palmetto Medal nominations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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